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PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:*** Lexington is fortunate to have walking, bicycling, and mass transit resources as alternatives to single occupancy vehicles;
- Whereas:*** Encouraging alternative transportation options among all age groups will result in a reduction of CO2 emissions as well as improvements in health;
- Whereas:*** Encouraging school bus ridership will result in safer transport of students and a reduction in the number of idling cars during the school commute;
- Whereas:*** Children who walk and bike to school have higher physical activity levels throughout the day which helps to prevent childhood obesity and reduce stress;
- Whereas:*** Encouraging walking, bicycling and taking mass transit to Lexington Center will alleviate parking problems;
- Whereas:*** the 2003 Transportation Element of Lexington's Comprehensive Plan states that: "transportation alternatives ... can improve the quality of life by reducing vehicular trips ...[and] that traffic difficulties do nothing to improve the community's well being, benefiting neither the environment, the economy, public safety, family life or efficiency of people circulation"; and
- Whereas:*** The Planning and Human Services Departments, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Greenways Corridor Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Sidewalk and Safe Routes to School Committees, the Tourism Committee/Revolutionary Revelry as well as other partners, are planning activities to celebrate safe, sustainable, and healthy walking, bicycling, and transit options during the week of May 5 through 11, with the purpose of declaring "What a Glorious Morning to Leave My Car at Home!"

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 5 through 11, 2013 as

LEXINGTON BIKE WALK 'N BUS WEEK

in the Town of Lexington. We urge all citizens to take the opportunity during this week to walk, bicycle, or take the bus instead of driving alone to get to work, to school, or to run an errand.




